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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



John Bogнар, Chairman

There is a bit of good fiscal news for Missouri Registered Geologists. Your renewal fee for the 2008-2010 period will be reduced to \$10.00. Not to look a gift horse in the mouth, but let's take a look at why. Pam Groose, the Executive Director of the Missouri Board of Geologists Registration (MBGR) for several years, has administrated the budget and kept detailed fiscal records. The MBGR also shares all expenses (staff, space, supplies, etc.) with two (2) other boards which saves dollars and cuts costs. The MBGR having been established in 1994, now has a statistically significant history of operational expenses and income. For the past several years the MBGR has been taking in more funds than goes out and thus has had a surplus. Having a surplus in state government circles is not necessarily a good thing, because ultimately the state legislature controls fiscal matters and will often rob Peter to pay Paul. Every now and then there are legislative initiatives called "sweep bills" to round-up loose funds and bring them to the general revenue fund. The funds of the MBGR were targeted by sweep legislation during the last legislative session. Thankfully the language was changed, and as a prudent precaution the MBGR promulgated a rule

change to reduce the fees in order to spend down the funds held by MBGR. The MBGR will keep an eye on this matter in the future. For the 2010-12 registration period, the MBGR may have to increase fees from the \$10.00 level to get to a better balance of revenue versus cost; reflecting more precisely the actual monetary need to administer the Geologist Registration Act.

Many of you are aware of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed several years ago between the MBGR and the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects (APELSLA) that attempts to address practice area overlap between Registered Geologists and Professional Engineers. Many in the professional geologic community were opposed to the language of MOU then and remain so today. This past year the Association of Engineering and Environmental Geologists (AEEG) and the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) called for a change to the MOU or perhaps its abolishment. The MBGR did not take action to change the MOU or abolish it, but has agreed with the APELSLA Board and relevant persons in the engineering community to revisit the language of the MOU once an "Areas of Geo Practice" document is jointly published by the AEEG, AIPG and the Geo-Institute arm of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). This document, hopefully to be published the first half of 2008, will be a culmination of several years of hard work and tough negotiation among some of this nation's best practicing geo-professionals. It will spell out the required credentials and experience for specific areas of practice relating to geosciences and geo-engineering. Once the document is available the MBGR expects to revisit and perhaps revise the MOU with the assistance of the relevant geologic and engineering communities in our state. Using this document as a basis for renegotiating the language of the MOU will provide a solid foundation for discussion that is based upon the legitimate opinions of the experts of AEG, AIPG and ASCE. As a Registered Geologist you will be invited to participate.

Finally, here is a word about participating in your state's political process. As an expert in geology please consider it your duty to assist state legislatures in shaping laws and rules pertaining to geology. Use your credentials to establish creditability and participate. You will find the legislators will welcome you warmly and you will be giving back to the people of our nation, the very nation that gives us geologists the opportunity to prosper in our profession.

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DIVISION DIRECTOR'S NOTE

By: David Broeker, Division Director



The Division of Professional Registration has had a busy and successful 2007. It was a year of significant and beneficial accomplishments, not the least of which was a legislative session where 14 of our 16 proposals were truly agreed to and finally passed and signed into law by the Governor Matt Blunt.

Legislation also signed into law by the Governor created the Board of Private Investigator Examiners which went into effect August 28, 2007. This board consists of 5 members; three private investigators and two public members appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate.

With the addition of the Private Investigator Examiners, the Division of Professional Registration now houses 18 administrative boards, 13 non-administrative (autonomous) boards and 8 advisory boards:

18 Administrative Boards

- State Committee of Interpreters
- Office of Athletics
- Endowed Care Cemeteries
- State Committee of Dietitians
- Board of Geologist Registration
- Board of Examiners for Hearing Instruments Specialists
- Interior Design Council
- Marital & Family Therapists
- Board of Therapeutic Massage
- Board of Occupational Therapy
- Committee for Professional Counselors
- State Committee of Psychologists
- Missouri Real Estate Appraisers Commission
- Missouri Board for Respiratory Care
- State Committee for Social Workers
- Office of Tattooing, Body Piercing & Branding
- Missouri Office of Athletic Agents
- Board of Private Investigator Examiners

13 Non-Administrative Boards

- Board of Accountancy
- Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects

Governor

The Honorable Matt Blunt

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David Broeker, Director

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Jefferson City, Missouri

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Missouri Board of Geologist Registration,
P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Division Director's Note continued...

- Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- Board of Cosmetology & Barber Examiners
- Missouri Dental Board
- State Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors
- State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts
- Missouri State Board of Nursing
- State Board of Optometry
- Missouri Board of Pharmacy
- State Board of Podiatric Medicine
- Missouri Real Estate Commission
- Missouri Veterinary Medical Board

8 Advisory Boards

- Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists
- Advisory Commission for Anesthesiology Assistants
- Missouri Acupuncturist Advisory Commission
- Athletic Trainer Advisory Commission
- Advisory Commission for Clinical Perfusionists
- Advisory Commission for Physical Therapists
- Advisory Commission for Registered Physician Assistants
- Advisory Commission for Speech Pathologists & Clinical Audiologists

On September 26, 2007, the Division held a board orientation and update. The Honorable Jay Wasson, District 141, Missouri House of Representatives headlined the state officials and Division staff who participated in the day-long event. Representative Wasson is Chairman of the House Professional Registration Committee and offered considerable insight on the legislation process. Special thanks to Representative Wasson for joining us during the afternoon session. We were also pleased to have participation from staff members of the Governor's Office, Secretary of State's Office, and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

The Division Mission is

- Protect the Public...*
from incompetence, misconduct, gross negligence, fraud, misrepresentation and dishonesty.
- License only "qualified" professionals...*
by examination and evaluation of minimum competency.
- Enforce standards...*
by implementing legislation and administrative rules.

I am proud to be associated with a team of dedicated employees who take this mission seriously.

THANK YOU



Lisa Hosey

The members and staff of the State Board of Geologist Registration wish to thank Lisa Hosey for her many years of valuable service as a member of the State Board of Geologist Registration. Lisa was appointed to the Board August 31, 1998 and resigned June 5, 2007.

KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS



John Bognar - Chairperson
Hydrogeologist
Saint Louis, MO
Term Expires: 4/11/07



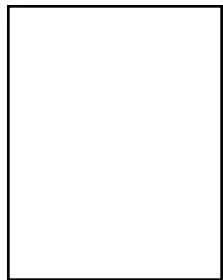
Joseph Gulino - Secretary/
Treasurer & Public Member
Hartsburg, MO
Term Expires: 4/11/08



Don Warner - Vice Chair
Engineering Geologist
Rolla, MO
Term Expires: 4/11/07



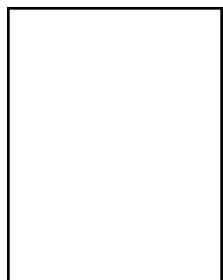
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State Geologist
Rolla, MO



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Guy Gilbert - Member
Geologist State Employee
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VACANT - MEMBER



Penny Bennett - Public Member
St. Charles, MO
Term Expires: 4/11/09

REPORT FROM MEETINGS OF THE STATE BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS REGISTRATION

March 06, 2007

At their meeting Tuesday, March 05-06, 2007 at the Professional Registration office the board accomplished the following:

- Discussed constructing sequenced, non-binding procedures for application review of post-baccalaureate education and experience.
- Reviewed rules and prepared suggested changes.
- Discussed meetings attended by geology board members
FARB Conference, February 2-4, 2007 in San Antonio, TX
- Discussed upcoming meetings.
ASBOG Spring COE Workshop, March 30-31, 2007
- Discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with various organizations.
- Reports from Association Representatives:
 - AIPG- Mr. Bognar reported for AIPG
 - AEG- Heard a report given by AEG representative
 - AMG- No report given
 - MGWA- No report given
- Heard report by members attending the ASBOG Board of Director's Meeting.
- Reviewed the ASBOG financial report
- Reviewed the ASBOG 2004 annual meeting approved minutes
- Discussed the development of the ASBOG Foundation
- Report from Executive Director

The board confirmed the next board meeting for June 05, 2007 at 10:00am.

June 05, 2007

At their meeting Tuesday, June 06, 2007 at the Professional Registration office the board accomplished the following:

- Discussed meetings attended by geology board members ASBOG Spring COE Workshop, March 30-31, 2007
- Discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects.
- Discussed upcoming national meetings and who will attend
- Reports from Association Representatives:
 - AIPG- Mr. Bognar reported for AIPG
 - AEG- No report given
 - AMG- No report given
 - MGWA- No report given
- Legislative Session Updates- Dam Safety Bill and its failure. Bill on mine land reclamation.
- Possible statute change regarding the minimum requirements of three (3) years of post baccalaureate experience to five (5) years.
- Discussed reciprocity agreement with Indiana. Missouri statute does not allow the board to entertain that possibility.
- Report from Executive Director
 - Financial Update
 - Newsletter
 - Update on fee changes and suggested changes
 - Policy related to board member attendance at the ASBOG™
 - Workshops and Annual Meetings.
 - Presented travel plan
 - Discussed proposed and pending rule changes for the geology board

The board confirmed the next board meeting for August 29, 2007 at 10:00am

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS REGISTRATION

February, 2007 – Guy Gilbert attended the 2007 FARB Annual Meeting

February, 2007 – Board Meeting

March, 2007 – ASBOG Exams

April, 2007 – Guy Gilbert and John Bognar attended the ASBOG Spring Council of Examiners Workshop

June, 2007 – Board Meeting

September, 2007 – Guy Gilbert attended the 2007 CLEAR Annual Conference

September, 2007 – Board Meeting

October, 2007 – Guy Gilbert and John Bognar attended the ASBOG Fall Council of Examiners Workshop and the Annual Meeting of ASBOG

October, 2007 – Guy Gilbert attended the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting

November, 2007 – Board Meeting

THINGS TO KNOW...

ADDRESS CHANGE - All licensees are required to notify the Board of Geologist Registration within 60 days of an address change. The notification can be submitted in writing to the State Board of Geologist Registration, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, by fax to (573) 526-0661 or by telephone to (573) 526-7625.

DUPLICATE LICENSE - Licensees can be issued a duplicate annual renewal license by submitting a written request for a duplicate registration certificate to the State Board of Geologist Registration, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or by fax to (573) 526-0661.

WALL-HANGING LICENSE - Licensees can request a duplicate wall-hanging license by submitting a written request for a duplicate wall-hanging license to the State Board of Geologist Registration, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. A \$15.00 fee made payable to the State Board of Geologist Registration must accompany the letter.

LICENSURE VERIFICATION TO ANOTHER STATE - Licensees must submit the required verification/certification form from the state in which licensure is being requested along with the required \$10.00 fee to the State Board of Geologist Registration, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

RENEWALS - Renewals are mailed to all current licensees on or around February 1 of each even numbered year. Renewals are mailed to the most current address on file with the Board of Geologist Registration. The renewal license is valid for 2 years, May 1 to April 30. Effective with the renewal application mailed February 1st, 2006, the renewal period changed to a two (2) year license.

ASSOCIATION AND SOCIETY MEETING DATES

Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration

2008 SME Annual Meeting and Exhibit &
109th National Western Conference
Salt Lake City, Utah
February, 24 - 27, 2008

American Association of Petroleum Geologists

Annual Convention & Exhibition
San Antonio, Texas
April 20 - 23, 2008

Association of Missouri Geologists

North-Central Missouri
Columbia, Missouri
Fall, 2008

American Institute of Professional Geologists

2008 Annual Meeting
Flagstaff, Arizona
September 20 - 25, 2008

Geological Society of America

Annual Meeting
Houston, Texas
October 5 - 9, 2008
Portland, Oregon
October 18 - 12, 2009

Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists

50th Annual Meeting
New Orleans, Louisiana
September 15 - 20, 2008

STATE BOARD MEETING/EXAMINATION DATES

ASBOG National Examination Dates

SPRING 2008 - FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 8, 2008

LOCATION: Comfort Suites
1650 Old Wire Outer Road
Rolla, MO 65410
(573) 368-4300

FALL 2008 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 16, 2007

LOCATION: TO BE DETERMINED

FUNDAMENTALS OF GEOLOGY:

8:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon

PRINCIPLES OF GEOLOGY:

1:00 until 5:00 p.m.

**State Board of Geologist Registration
Future Meeting Dates:**

February 13, 2008
Jefferson City, MO

May 7, 2008
Jefferson City, MO

August 6, 2008
Jefferson City, MO

November 19, 2008
Unknown

Conference Calls will be scheduled and announced according to need.

GEOLOGIST LICENSES ISSUED

12/01/2006 - 11/14/2007

Calvert, Leah D
Cody, Donna Teresa
Conway, Francis W
Dahl, Thomas A
Dutt, James
Eaton, Christopher
Gomer, Brandon M
Gragg, D Michael
Grover, Susan E
Haberl, Jeffrey C

Haney, Dwight D
Hesse, Scott L
Huttig, Erin S
Jones, William C
Kaden, Scott W
Keller, Adrian M
Kilgore, Rodney M
Kuhn, Gretchen C
McCarrin, Michael T
Overhott, David L

Prewett, Jerry L
Reed, Thomas M
Schnell, Gary A
Schwartz, Eric M
Shroff, Steven J
Vadnal, James G
Vikman, Andrew Wells
Wilson, Timothy A
Wood, Heather K
Wuolo, Ray W
Young, James R, II

GRITS ISSUED

12/01/2006 - 11/14/2007

Ingrisano, Melissa
Tabacchi, Eugene

TAX COMPLIANCE

By: David Barrett, Division Legal Counsel



One of the most disappointing ways that we lose members of our professions is when licensees choose not to live up to their civic obligation to pay state income taxes. Section 324.010 RSMo. requires the Division to provide the Department of Revenue (DOR) with the names of everyone applying for a license or renewing a license. Those who have not paid their taxes and those who do not correct the situation with DOR within 90 days of the date a notice of intent to suspend is sent, lose the right to practice their profession until the matter is cleared up.

Recently this process has resulted in notices of intent to suspend being sent to between 1 and 2 percent of our new and renewal applicants. The Division works hard to make sure that licensees know that they have a Department of Revenue issue that needs to be cleared up. Within days of being informed that the Department of Revenue has sent a notice of intent to suspend, each board or commission sends at least one letter to its affected licensees at the licensee's address of record. Many times the issue is cleared up easily. Some of our licensees work out of state (or out of the country!) and don't have a Missouri income tax obligation. And in some cases there are glitches with names and other identifiers that are easily resolved. Further, tax liability paid in the protest or reasonably founded disputes about such liability are considered paid for the purposes of this law. If you get a notice by mistake make sure you contact the Department of Revenue immediately so that it can be corrected in the 90 day window allowed by law.

Like any suspended license, renewal fees must be paid, changes of address must be reported, and all of the other regulations of the profession must be followed. There is no end date to a tax suspension. But the licensee holds the key to resuming practice – getting right with the DOR. The Department of Revenue issues taxpayers compliance letters when the issues are resolved; that taxpayer/licensee must then send the compliance letter to his or her licensing board or commission and comply with any other board or commission requirements so that the right to practice is promptly restored.

Congratulations!

**John Bognar, current Chair of the State Board of Geologists
Registration has been elected President Elect of AIPG
(American Institute of Professional Geologists).**

Missouri Candidates ASBOG Pass/Fail Rates

09/28/2007

Fundamentals of Geology

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| Number of candidates | 12 | | |
| Number of candidates who passed | 8 | = | 67% Pass Rate |
| Number of candidates who failed | 4 | = | 33% Fail Rate |
| Range of scaled scores | 88.00 to 48.00 | | |

Practice of Geology

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| Number of Candidates | 12 | | |
| Number of candidates who passed | 9 | = | 75% Pass Rate |
| Number of candidates who failed | 3 | = | 25% Fail Rate |
| Range of scaled scores | 86.00 to 60.00 | | |

03/02/2007

Fundamentals of Geology

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| Number of candidates | 21 | | |
| Number of candidates who passed | 9 | = | 42% Pass Rate |
| Number of candidates who failed | 12 | = | 58% Fail Rate |
| Range of scaled scores | 84.00 to 37.00 | | |

Practice of Geology

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| Number of Candidates | 22 | | |
| Number of candidates who passed | 14 | = | 64% Pass Rate |
| Number of candidates who failed | 8 | = | 36% Fail Rate |
| Range of scaled scores | 81.00 to 51.00 | | |

10/06/2006

Fundamentals of Geology

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| Number of candidates | 27 | | |
| Number of candidates who passed | 16 | = | 59% Pass Rate |
| Number of candidates who failed | 11 | = | 41% Fail Rate |
| Range of scaled scores | 89.00 to 44.00 | | |

Practice of Geology

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| Number of Candidates | 25 | | |
| Number of candidates who passed | 18 | = | 72% Pass Rate |
| Number of candidates who failed | 7 | = | 28% Fail Rate |
| Range of scaled scores | 88.00 to 56.00 | | |

Missouri Candidates

ASBOG Pass/Fail Rates *continued...*

03/03/2006

Fundamentals of Geology

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| Number of candidates | 17 | | |
| Number of candidates who passed | 6 | = | 35% Pass Rate |
| Number of candidates who failed | 11 | = | 65% Fail Rate |
| Range of scaled scores | 52.00 to 93.00 | | |

Practice of Geology

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| Number of Candidates | 14 | | |
| Number of candidates who passed | 8 | = | 57% Pass Rate |
| Number of candidates who failed | 6 | = | 43% Fail Rate |
| Range of scaled scores | 49.00 to 90.00 | | |

10/07/2005

Fundamentals of Geology

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| Number of candidates | 15 | | |
| Number of candidates who passed | 11 | = | 74% Pass Rate |
| Number of candidates who failed | 4 | = | 26% Fail Rate |
| Range of scaled scores | 57.00 to 90.00 | | |

Practice of Geology

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| Number of Candidates | 12 | | |
| Number of candidates who passed | 9 | = | 75% Pass Rate |
| Number of candidates who failed | 3 | = | 25% Fail Rate |
| Range of scaled scores | 52.00 to 89.00 | | |

What is FARB?

The Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards

FARB was formed in the early 1970s to provide a forum for individuals and organizations interested in professional regulation, FARB was originally composed of associations of health care regulatory boards and was appropriately called Federation of Associations of Health Regulatory Boards (FAHRB). In the early 1980s, FARB expanded its membership to include associations of non-health related boards and modified its name to reflect the expanded scope and membership.

FARB holds three meetings per year in keeping with its public protection purpose of sharing information related to professional regulation, particularly in the areas of administration, assessment and law. The FARB Forum is held annually in January and board members, administrators, executive directors, attorneys, investigators and staff are invited to attend this informative conference. The Leadership Conference is held annually for Executive Directors and other members of the organization's governing body. In October, FARB hosts the Attorney Certification Seminar which is attended by assistant attorney general representatives, private practitioners representing regulatory boards, and some board members and staff.

FARB activities are governed by a Board of Directors that includes one representative from each Full Member organization. Day-to-day operations are administered by and executive director in FARB's Evanston, Illinois office.

What is CLEAR?

The Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) is the premier international resource for professional regulation stakeholders.

CLEAR was conceived more than 25 years ago as a resource for any entity or individual involved in the licensure, non-voluntary certification or registration of the hundreds of regulated occupations and professions. Since its inception, CLEAR's membership has included representatives of all governmental sectors, the private sector, and many others with an interest in this field.

Through its conferences, publications, training, inquiry and other services, CLEAR helps its members carry out their shared mission of public protection. CLEAR has defined its own educator role as pro actively identifying critical issues; providing a dynamic, interactive forum for exploration of these issues and collecting and disseminating relevant information on them. There are three core areas of substantive inquiry that CLEAR supports through its annual conference and other venues: professional discipline; credentialing/ examination issues; and policy and administration.

In brief, CLEAR's hallmark is its inclusiveness. Since it does not lobby or adopt positions on debatable matters, CLEAR offers neutral ground to those holding diverse viewpoints. This holistic approach serves its members well and permits unusual responsiveness to a necessarily varied and changing constituency. At this time, CLEAR is particularly interested in closer ties with the regulatory community in Western Europe and Australia. An Office of International Affairs based in England provides assistance to all CLEAR's constituencies beyond North America.

What is ASBOG?

ASBOG is the Association of State Boards of Geology.
The home office is located in Columbia, South Carolina.

Mission Statement of the Association of State Boards of Geology:

To serve as a connective link among the individual state geologic registration licensing Boards for the planning and preparation of uniform procedures and the coordination of geologic protective measures for the general public.

One of ASBOG®'s principal services is to develop standardized written examinations for determining qualifications of applicants seeking licensure as professional geologists. State boards of registration are provided with uniform examinations that are valid measures of competency related to the practice of the profession. Examination candidates are provided with a copy of the Professional Geologists Candidate Handbook which delineates the format and outline for the exam.

Major Activities of the Association of State Boards of Geology include:

- Facilitating the coordination of registration activities among states and countries.
- Developing uniform procedures for administering and coordinating the practice of geology.
- Developing the two written examinations, Fundamentals and Practice.
- Cooperating with member boards in the administration of the examinations.
- Conducting task analyses (surveys of the practice of geology) to form bases for examinations.
- Disseminating information on the licensure process and the examinations to individuals and organizations.
- Serving as a national and international advocate for licensure (registration) of geoscientists.

VISIT OUR WEB PAGE

Go to <http://pr.mo.gov/geologists.asp> to view the State Board of Geologist Registration's web page. You will find information relating to the following:

**New Item Recent Board Activities
Current Board Members
Staff Members
Upcoming Meeting and Examination Dates
Open Meeting Minutes
Geology Laws and Rules
Related Links*

Please send your comments/suggestions regarding the Newsletter
to: **Executive Director, Board of Geologist Registration, P.O.
Box 1335, Jefferson City, MO 65102**

Or e-mail:

pam.groose@pr.mo.gov or to geology@pr.mo.gov.

Your comments/suggestions are welcomed and encouraged!

Do I Need to File a Fictitious Name Registration For My Business?

Carol Fischer, Deputy Secretary of State for Business Services

Every year, thousands of businesses file fictitious name registrations with the Business Services Division in the Secretary of State's office, and we want to help you make sure that your business is registered properly.

Chapter 417.210 RSMo requires every person, general partnership, corporation or other business organization doing business in Missouri under a name other than the true name of the business to file a fictitious name registration with the Secretary of State's office. For instance, John Doe and Jane Smith may be shareholders of Doe and Smith Mortuary Inc., but they operate a funeral home called Doe and Smith Funeral Home. Doe and Smith Mortuary Inc. must register the fictitious name under which it is doing business, Doe and Smith Funeral Home. While this example is for a funeral home, the same logic applies to any type of business.

A fictitious name registration may be completed online at the Secretary of State's website or by mail. The fee for the filing is seven dollars, and the registration must be renewed every five years. You may file online or print a paper form from the Secretary of State's website: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/business/formsAndServices.asp>. If you have questions or do not have Internet access to the form, you may call the Business Services Division toll free at 866-223-6535.

| LICENSE HISTORY | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| License Date | Applications Received | Grandfather | Edu/Exp/Exam | Reciprocity | Total Licensed |
| 7/1/02 to 6/30/2003 | 26 | 0 | 27 | | 27 |
| 7/1/03 to 6/30/2004 | 29 | 0 | 31 | | 31 |
| 7/1/04 to 6/30/2005 | 20 | 0 | 18 | 5 | 23 |
| 7/1/05 to 6/30/2006 | 33 | 0 | 14 | 12 | 26 |
| 7/1/06 to 6/30/2007 | 40 | 0 | 24 | 12 | 36 |

| RENEWAL HISTORY | | |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Renewal Date | Number Renewed | Number Non-Renewals |
| 5/1/02 to 4/30/2003 | 790 | 32 |
| 5/1/03 to 4/30/2004 | 772 | 27 |
| 5/1/04 to 4/30/2005 | 766 | 46 |
| 5/1/05 to 4/30/2006 | 811 | 43 |
| 5/1/05 to 4/30/2008 | 776 | 55 |

| COMPLAINT STATISTICS | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| July 1 - June 30 | FY03 02-03 | FY04 03-04 | FY05 04-05 | FY06 05-06 | FY07 06-07 |
| Complaint | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 |

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